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Appl. No. 09/402,488
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Appl. No : 09/402,488 Confirmation No.: 6010
Applicant : Maurice M. Moloney,
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Filed : February 16, 2000
Title : Method for Producing and Cleaving a Fusion
Protein with an N-Terminal Chymosin Pro-Peptide (Amended)
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated April 29, 2004. We are simultaneously submitting a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the deadline for response October 29, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.